

**MILLSTONE TOWNSHIP  
OPEN SPACE & FARMLAND PRESERVATION COUNCIL  
Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, July 25, 2013**

Ms. Butch called the meeting to order at 8:20 pm.

The Secretary read the Adequate Notice.

**Roll Call**

Present: (5) Butch, Morelli, Romano, Schloss, Siedman

Absent: (6) Asprocolas, Blanco, Denardo, Kau, Kuczinski, Marra

**Public Comment Session:** No public in attendance.

**Approval of Minutes**

A Motion to approve the May 23, 2013, minutes was made by Mr. Romano with a Second offered by Ms. Schloss. No discussion. Roll call vote:

AYES: (4) Romano, Schloss, Butch, Siedman

NAYS: (0)

ABSTAIN: (0)

**Correspondence**

- *Letter from Renee Jones of the NJ DEP Green Acres Program dated 6/11/13 re: Perl Acres South status update.* Ms. Butch read the letter which included information on the status of appraisals and the preliminary assessment review along with an estimated timeframe to present an offer.
- *Letter from Ken Pape to Renee Jones re: Perl Acres South.* An extension of time through November 2013 has been granted by the Planning Board for subdivision approvals.

**Old Business**

- **Trails**  
Nothing new was reported on the following trails:
  - *Industrial Park*
  - *White Birch Trail Grant*
  - *Doctor's Creek Trail Grant*
- **Stewardship of Orchard Trails:** Nothing new reported.
- **Clambake Review**
  - The financial report was distributed for review.
  - There were a lot of clams leftover; perhaps order one less box next year.
  - There were several lobsters leftover; perhaps due to sponsors not using tickets and volunteers included in the headcount who did not eat a lobster.
  - There were 2 boxes and one partial box of burgers leftover; the 2 full boxes were sold. There were also hotdogs leftover which were sold. The money for these items was recouped by selling them at the end of the event. The suggestion is to order one less box of burgers and one less package of hotdogs next year. Fewer buns should be purchased to correspond with the burgers and hot dogs. It's better to have extra than to run out of items. One

year Mr. Romano went out three times on the day of the event to purchase items.

- We ran out of pulled pork; perhaps purchase more next year.
- Patrick was a great chef, the kitchen was well organized and everything flowed nicely. Using chafing dishes with sternos was a good idea to keep food warm so that people didn't have to wait when ordering.
- Mr. Romano suggested having a cleaning company come in after the event to clean as everyone is exhausted by the end of the event.
- The Secretary spent two days cleaning and mopping the floors at the Wagner Farm Park facility. Pictures were taken to document the condition of the facility at the conclusion of the Open Space and Ag Councils' use of the kitchen and gym area. All keys were promptly returned to the recreation department. The recreation department claims that the shelves are missing from the refrigerator in the kitchen but the pictures taken after the event clearly show that the shelves were in the refrigerator after the clambake.
- Mr. Romano and Ms. Siedman are looking for replacements as event chairs.
- Council members should send clambake notes to the Secretary for next year's planning.

**New Business:** No new business was discussed.

## **Events**

- **Millstone Day:** Sunday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 12 noon to 5:00 pm at Frogbridge Day Camp.
  - A registration form has not been submitted yet for the Open Space Council.
  - 6 other organizations have registered and are grouped together because several volunteers represent more than one organization. The Open Space Council wishes to be grouped with the 6 groups, which include the Agricultural Advisory Council, The Historic Commission, The Shade Tree Commission, The Friends of Millstone Township Historic Registered Properties, Trailblazers and the Horsemen's Association of Millstone Township.
  - Council members discussed options for the Open Space Council's table including giving away plain apples or candy apples; candy corn in a jar guessing game and a display board with pictures and trail maps.
  - The Secretary will email a sign up sheet to Council members for table coverage.

**Committee Reports:** No committee reports were presented.

At 8:45 pm a Motion was made by Ms. Schloss with a Second offered by Mr. Romano and by unanimous vote the Council moved to executive session.

At 8:58 pm the Council returned to regular session. Having no further business to discuss, a Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Romano with a Second offered by Ms. Morelli and by unanimous vote the meeting adjourned at 8:58 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorraine Maher, Council Secretary